

## Special Council Meeting

August 29, 2016

7:00 p.m.

The special meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members, Dias and Fletcher present with Mayor Letterman presiding. Ms. DeBenedictis and Mr. Carrow were excused from the meeting by the Mayor. Chief Hill, Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Mike Megna, and Sgt. Scott were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Letterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge to the Flag** – Mr. Letterman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion and possible motion on School Resource Officer position for First State Military Academy** – Mr. Letterman referred this to Police Chairperson Alex Dias. Mr. Dias referred to Chief Hill. The Public Safety Committee was approached by First State Military Academy for a School Resource Officer. This was agreed upon with a contract for First State Military Academy to pay \$40,000. Chief Hill stated he will bring someone on to fill the roll with no benefits. This will be a \$23,000 - \$30,000 savings. He had increased the School Resource Officer amounts to get an extra \$10,000. This will cover most of the expense for the School Resource Officer. He will be \$8000 short. Chief Hill would like to take this amount from the Public Safety Tax. He will be short \$3500 for 2016. He would like to use \$1000 of the \$3500 for uniforms for the officer. Mr. Letterman asked if this was in the budget. Chief Hill stated no. Mr. Letterman asked how much this would cost in next year's budget. Chief Hill stated \$8500. Chief Hill stated during the summer the officer will be on the road writing tickets. He will work Office of Highway Safety which is paid for from the State. Mr. Letterman asked who was to fill this position. Chief Hill stated he is looking for someone with no benefits retired from another agency. He stated this is a condition of employment. Mr. Letterman stated no police vehicle? Chief Hill stated Sgt. Scott's vehicle will be used. The only thing needed is uniforms. Mr. Fletcher stated during school breaks this person will be on rotation to save on overtime. Mr. Letterman stated there will be no impact in current budget. We will use Public Safety tax money and no money will be needed for next year's budget. Chief Hill stated they have a vehicle and weapons. We just need uniforms. Mr. Letterman asked Mr. Fletcher if he had any questions. Mr. Fletcher stated no. Mr. Letterman stated Mr. Carrow and Ms. DeBenedictis have been excused from the meeting. Mr. Letterman asked if there were any questions or comments. The floor was open for any questions.

*Mr. Dias made a motion to hire a police officer and to use \$3500 from Public Safety Tax, \$1000 of that to be used for uniforms. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The third vote came from Mr. Letterman.*

4. **Adjournment** – Mr. Letterman stated since this was a special council meeting he asked for a motion for adjournment.

*Mr. Dias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.*

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey